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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time for a response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2006 in the above-referenced application. Response to this action is timely filed on or before February 5, 2007. Applicant encloses herewith payment in the amount of \$120 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)

Respectfully submitted,

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